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FINANCIAL CONTROL OF RAILTEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the group of Ministers has allowed the Indian Railways to retain financial control of Railtel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the optical fibre cable routes provided by the Railtel in Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Railtel are planning to provide more routes in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith routes identified therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)&(b) Based on the recommendations of Group of Ministers the Cabinet has approved the proposal for induction of joint venture partner(s) in RailTel Corporation of India Limited keeping Railways' equity as 51%.

(c) The RailTel has so far not provided any optical fibre cable (OFC) either in Maharashtra or any other region.

(d)&(e) Railways have sanctioned OFC works in routes including those in Maharashtra. Either Railways or RailTel will be providing OFC in these routes. In Maharashtra State, following routes are planned for provision of OFC in the first phase:

i) Mumbai-Vadodara
ii) Mumbai-Bhusawal
iii) Mumbai-Pune-Wadi
iv) Mumbai-Panvel

The following routes are planned for provision of OFC in future phases:

i) Bhusawal-Wardha-Nagpur
ii) Pune-Miraj-Kolhapur
iii) Manmad-Jalna
iv) Manmad-Ahmednagar
v) Chalisgaon-Dhule
vi) Jalgaon-Nandurbar
vii) Vikarabad-Parbhani-Mudkhed
viii) Mudkhed-Adilabad
ix) Miraj-Londa